

## **Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)**

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Thank you for the excellent work in collecting and presenting the "Guidelines" information!

Appreciate the focused pathogenesis review as well.

Questions to clarify:

Line 241: "adhesins"? "adhesions"??

Line 372 & 393: "antiseptic containing soap" and water.

W.H.O. supports any soap. Western world could be recommended liquid soap. Studies (?) have shown resistance to the antiseptic portion. Any further thoughts regarding this?

Line 424, then 426: Could you please clarify the difference?

Also, I am told that 70% alcohol can be used to first clean up any soiled/crusted skin, if needed, before using the 2% chlorhexidine-based preparation to disinfect the skin. Perhaps this is what was meant?

Line 461 & 472: Gauze dressing for bleeding or oozing....

Any thought about the absorptive chlorhexidine patch instead? (See Line 506+.) Would one still change the chlorhexidine patch every 2 days, or revert back to weekly?

Line 476, 477: Do recently placed tunneled catheters still need the formerly used daily checks & gauze dressing changes for the first week? (Home health nurses may not be there each day to eye the dressing....)

Line 515: Did you have the " $p = \text{___}$ " statistic for this particular point?

Line 593 and 985: "underpowered." Not sure what the definition of this is.

Line 940-941 & 942-943: These seem too similar. Which one is preferred? Or what is the difference?

Line 1074-1075: Not sure how to get a "chlorhexidine preferred" swab. I thought 70% alcohol, with friction and time, plus drying, was adequate.

Line 1149-1150: Dated and ...7 days after? Not sure why one would date it if it does not expire until the expiration date anyway. Unclear to me.

Line 1498: Did you leave out "Antibiotic/Antiseptic Ointments Recommendation" here? (See Line 668-673.)

Again, thank you for a well-worked document!

Sincerely,

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